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## Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment (37 CFR 1.121)

Application No. 10/601,614	Applicant(s) THOMAS ET AL.	
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The amendment document filed on <u>16 February</u>, <u>2007</u> is considered non-compliant because it has failed to meet the requirements of 37 CFR 1.121 or 1.4. In order for the amendment document to be compliant, correction of the following item(s) is required.

THE FOLLOWING MARKED (X) ITEM(S) CAUSE THE AMENDMENT DOCUMENT TO BE 1. Amendments to the specification:  A. Amended paragraph(s) do not include markings.  B. New paragraph(s) should not be underlined.  C. Other	E NON-COMPLIANT:
<ul> <li>2. Abstract:</li> <li>A. Not presented on a separate sheet. 37 CFR 1.72.</li> <li>B. Other</li> </ul>	
<ul> <li>3. Amendments to the drawings:</li> <li>A. The drawings are not properly identified in the top margin as "Replaceme "Annotated Sheet" as required by 37 CFR 1.121(d).</li> <li>B. The practice of submitting proposed drawing correction has been elimina showing amended figures, without markings, in compliance with 37 CFR</li> <li>C. Other</li> </ul>	ited. Replacement drawings
<ul> <li>✓ A. Amendments to the claims:</li> <li>✓ A. A complete listing of all of the claims is not present.</li> <li>☐ B. The listing of claims does not include the text of all pending claims (included to complete listing of claims does not include the text of all pending claims (included to complete listing of claims (included to complete listing).</li> <li>✓ C. Each claim has not been provided with the proper status identifier, and a complete listing of each claim cannot be identified. Note: the status of every claim must number by using one of the following status identifiers: (Original), (Current (Previously presented), (New), (Not entered), (Withdrawn) and (Withdrawn).</li> <li>✓ D. The claims of this amendment paper have not been presented in ascending E. Other:</li> </ul>	s such, the individual status be indicated after its claim ntly amended), (Canceled), vn-currently amended).
☐ 5. Other (e.g., the amendment is unsigned or not signed in accordance with 37 CF of the amendment format required by 37 CFR 1.121, see MPEP § 714.	FR 1.4): For further explanation

## TIME PERIODS FOR FILING A REPLY TO THIS NOTICE:

- 1. Applicant is given **no new time period** if the non-compliant amendment is an after-final amendment or an amendment filed after allowance, or a drawing submission (only) If applicant wishes to resubmit the non-compliant after-final amendment with corrections, the **entire corrected amendment** must be resubmitted.
- 2. Applicant is given **one month**, or thirty (30) days, whichever is longer, from the mail date of this notice to supply the correction, if the non-compliant amendment is one of the following: a preliminary amendment, a non-final amendment (including a submission for a request for continued examination (RCE) under 37 CFR 1.114), a supplemental amendment filed within a suspension period under 37 CFR 1.103(a) or (c), and an amendment filed in response to a Quayle action. If any of above boxes 1 to 4 are checked, the correction required is only the corrected section of the non-compliant amendment in compliance with 37 CFR 1.121.

<u>Extensions of time</u> are available under 37 CFR 1.136(a) <u>only</u> if the non-compliant amendment is a non-final amendment or an amendment filed in response to a *Quayle* action.

Failure to timely respond to this notice will result in:

**Abandonment** of the application if the non-compliant amendment is a non-final amendment or an amendment filed in response to a *Quayle* action; or

**Non-entry** of the amendment if the non-compliant amendment is a preliminary amendment or supplemental amendment.

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